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Satellite Internet Access Method Up 18 Percentage Points on Colorado Farms

Colorado

Colorado farm operators indicated they have shifted their primary method of accessing the internet from dialup to satellite. Internet access by method are as follows: satellite, 32 percent, more than double 2007; wireless, 28 percent; DSL (Digital Subscriber Line), 14 percent; dialup, 12 percent, down from 36 percent in 2007; cable, 7 percent; and all other, 7 percent.

A total of 68 percent of Colorado farms now have Internet access, compared with 70 percent in 2007. Seventy-four percent of farms have access to a computer in 2009, the same level as 2007. The proportion of U.S. farms owning or leasing a computer in 2009, at 73 percent, was the same as 2007, but 7 percentage points above 2005. Farms using computers for their farm business increased 4 percentage points from 2007 to 44 percent in 2009.

Internet access for the neighboring states has Kansas at 64 percent; Nebraska at 62 percent; New Mexico at 45 percent; Utah at 65 percent; and Wyoming at 80 percent.

United States

DSL was the most common method of accessing the Internet, with 36 percent of U.S. farms using it, up from 27 percent in 2007. In 2007, dialup was the most common method of accessing the internet. Dialup access dropped from 47 percent in 2007 to 23 percent in 2009. Satellite and wireless were each reported as the primary internet access methods on 13 percent of those U.S. farms with Internet access. Cable was reported as the primary access method on 11 percent of the farms.

A total of 59 percent of U.S. farms now have Internet access, compared with 57 percent in 2007. Sixty-four percent of farms have access to a computer in 2009, the same level as 2007. The proportion of U.S. farms owning or leasing a computer in 2009, at 61 percent, was up 1 percentage point from 2007. Farms using computers for their farm business increased 1 percentage point from 2007 to 36 percent in 2009.

In 2009, 81 percent of U.S. farms with sales and government payments of \$250,000 or more have access to a computer, 79 percent own or lease a computer, 69 percent are using a computer for their farm business, and 76 percent have Internet access. For farms with sales and government payments between \$100,000 and \$249,999, the figures are: 70 percent have access to a computer, 67 percent own or lease a computer, 52 percent are using a computer for their farm business, and 63 percent have Internet access. Of the farms with sales and government payments between \$10,000 and \$99,999, 62 percent reported having computer access, 59 percent own or lease a computer, 38 percent use a computer for their farm business, and 57 percent have Internet access.

For crop farms, 65 percent have computer access and 40 percent use a computer for their farm business in 2009, up 1 and 3 percentage points from 2007, respectively. Internet access for crop farms has increased to 60 percent in 2009, compared with 56 percent in 2007. In 2009, a total of 63 percent livestock farms have computer access and 58 percent have Internet access.